

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 15

FORGIVENESS.

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 18:15-25.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Be ye kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God also in Christ forgave you."—Eph. 4:32 R. V.

Our Lord's teaching on the subject of humility as studied in last week's lesson is inseparably connected with that of today. It presents a strong contrast between human and divine forgiveness. It sets before us that which at first seems to be unattainable. Someone has raised the query whether or not forgiveness is ever possible where any trace of selfishness remains. He who has the shepherd's heart of humility has also a forgiving heart or else he does not truly care to save lost and wandering sheep, vv. 12 and 13.

This lesson naturally divides itself into precept vv. 15-22 and parable vv. 23-35.

Precept is Plain.

1. The precept is very plain and quite logical. If you have been wronged, go to him (your brother) who wronged you and frankly come to an understanding. Go alone and "have it out with him." Most quarrels will settle themselves if men will only see "eye to eye." It is the repetition of our grievances by the second or third party that usually adds fuel to the fire. The other steps are just as logical. The outcome is suggested in verse 18, that to all the disciples, not to Peter alone, is given the power to admit and to dismiss from the communion of believers. It is the prerogative of the church to bind and to loose and to have agreement in prayer. The church must erect standards of conduct, but in this erecting standards the church must ever come to the Father with tender compassion on behalf of the lost sheep.

Verses 19 and 20 have been quoted in thousands of prayer meetings with often only the slightest realization of their full significance. Three is an attainable number; more than that is less easily obtainable, and has the added danger of harboring a hypocrite, thereby spoiling that harmony (Acts 2:1) that is so essential to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Peter (v. 21) suggests that there is a point of possible limit for our humility and forgiveness. True, he goes much further than most of us go, even to that of the perfect number seven, but Jesus completes that and again multiplies it by seven; so that 490 is the exact number of times to exercise forgiveness though this would usually suffice, but rather an illimitable number of times. Resentment, wrath, anger, clamour and evil speaking are admonished to "put away" (Eph. 4:31), and in the words of the Golden Text, "Be kind, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us." There is no deep work of grace in the human heart until it is willing to "let" these things be put aside. As though to make assurance doubly sure in the minds of his followers, Jesus gives us a parable (v. 23-35) in which he applies the precept just given.

God is King.

God, the King of Heaven, is taking account with the sons of men, his bond servants. At the outset one is brought into his presence who owes about \$12,000,000 (a talent of gold equals roughly about \$1,200,000); he is hopelessly in debt and "had not to pay." This is a picture of fallen, lost humanity standing in the presence of a righteous God (Luke 7:42, Ps. 103:3), etc. This man is brought into the King's presence, and so are we brought (John 16:7-9 and Rom. 14:10). The terrible ought and ought not of the law is practically presented in Matthew 25. The debt of our sins is a hopeless one for any to pay except a mighty Saviour (1 Peter 2:24).

Let the law have its course: the meaning of verse 25 (read Gal. 3:10). But what a gracious contrast is presented in verse 26. There we see the compelling power of the compassion of God, as shown in the person of Jesus Christ his Son, loosing the man and setting him absolutely free from debt. Once men catch a glimpse of their debt of sin, they, too, will "fall down and cry for mercy, Salvation is 'by grace' (Eph. 2:8, 9), and by grace only. From verse 27 on we see the Lord immediately dealing with this servant in grace. There is no future penalty held over his head. So God stands ready to deal with us so soon as we acknowledge the absolute impossibility of paying the debt and call upon him for mercy.

The hardness of the human heart is suggested by the awful sin of ingratitude pictured in the latter part of this parable (v. 28-35). As twelve millions of dollars is to seventeen, such is the possible and almost incredible hardness of the natural heart of man. How few of us would dare to "stand upon our rights" in the church or as individuals, did we but more often take stock of God's dealings with us in his matchless grace. Yet we see this scene, being re-enacted about us almost daily. What a solemn warning is contained in verse 32.

RAINSBORO.

Dec. 9, 1912.

T. H. Harrington and family spent Sunday at Dallas the guests of Roy Warnock and wife.

Miss Ruth Upp spent part of last week with friends at Bainbridge.

Harry Devitt and Misses Levay Foraker and Blanche Devitt have been visiting relatives at Nippen for a few days.

Mrs. Kate Hudson, of Greenfield, spent part of last week with friends here.

Mrs. Dick Peabody and son and Mrs. Elizabeth Peabody visited with friends at Bainbridge last Tuesday.

Mrs. A. G. Cameron will entertain the Aid Society on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna McNary has purchased the Hudson property on Main St.

Ernest Stanley had the misfortune to have his ankle dislocated while he was helping shred corn one day last week.

B. M. Lucas and wife, of Dallas, were guests of friends here Sunday.

Miss Elsie McNary has been visiting friends at Springfield the past week.

Mrs. John Waddell was taken seriously ill on Sunday, but is thought to be improving.

Owing to the severe storm Thursday night the K. of P. oyster supper was postponed until Saturday evening.

The Farmer's Institute to be held here Dec. 23 and 24 promises to be a very interesting session. C. A. Beekley, of West Salem, R. A. Hayne, of Adena, and Mrs. Clara Smith Rogers, of Cincinnati, are to be the speakers.

EAST DANVILLE.

Dec. 9, 1912.

Wm. Ludwick was a business visitor in Cincinnati Wednesday.

John Gossett and wife, of Pricetown, were guests of A. B. Robinson and wife Tuesday.

Mrs. D. N. DeHass, after spending a few days with James DeHass and family near Rainsboro, returned home Tuesday.

W. S. Bishir who is employed by the N. & W. Railroad is spending his vacation with his family here.

Elza Duvall and wife, of Dodsonville, Clarence Pulse and wife, of Harwood, and M. R. Pulliam and wife were entertained at the home of Orland Gossett and family Tuesday.

A. S. Caley is sick.

The Rebekah Lodge at this place elected the following officers Wednesday night: Noble Grand, Mrs. Bert Sanders; Vice Grand, Mrs. Warren Workman; Secretary, Mrs. Albert Davidson; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Bradbury; Trustee, Mrs. Duckwall Brown.

Miss Flossie DeHass, of Hillsboro, is spending the week with relatives here.

C. W. Roler and family, of Washington C. H., spent Saturday and Sunday with A. R. Hawk and family.

Miss Ruth DeHass, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth DeHass, at this place.

Miss Margaret Hawk spent from Friday until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Roy Euverard, at Hollowtown.

D. C. Winkle and wife were visitors at Mowrystown Saturday.

The I. O. O. F. lodge at this place elected the following officers Saturday night: Noble Grand, Chas. Johnson; Vice Grand, James Sonner; Recording Secretary, Homer Burton; Financial Secretary, Homer Emery; Treasurer, L. C. Stockwell; Trustee, J. A. Fouch.

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FORT HILL.

Dec. 9, 1912.

Austin Eubanks and wife and son were guests of friends at Sinking Spring Sunday.

Mrs. Inez Rhoads and sister, Miss Grace Williams, were business visitors in Hillsboro Saturday.

Geo. Countryman and C. A. Rhoads called on H. V. Matthews Sunday morning.

Jamie Burton spent last week with his sister, Miss Lee Burton, near Sinking Spring.

Granville Hockman was a visitor in Hillsboro Saturday.

S. S. Dearloff and wife and two children called on Fred. Rhoads and wife Sunday afternoon.

Fred Kissing and nephew, of Leesburg, were guests of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. Permelia Kissing, Saturday and Sunday.

Jas. T. East and wife, of Cynthia, were business visitors in our vicinity Saturday.

Rafe Smalley and wife, of Sinking Spring, spent Sunday with Edward White and family.

H. V. Matthews was a visitor in the vicinity of Latham Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Carpenter, who has been the guest of relatives at Centerfield, returned home Tuesday accompanied by Clarence Reece.

Carl Eubanks, of near Sinking Spring, was the guest of his grandparents, Enos Eubanks and wife, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Melva Hockman is the guest of friends at Sinking Spring this week.

John Kissing ate dinner last Sunday with H. C. White, at Cliff Range.

Isaac Bobb spent Sunday with Ora Havens.

Jas. M. Bobb and wife entertained a number of young folks Friday night with a dance in honor of their son, Isaac's, 21st birthday.

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Stanley Holiday made a business trip to his former home Thursday.

Carey McConaughy and wife and little son, Wilmer, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with the former's parents, J. C. McConaughy and wife.

Henry Ervin spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Elsha Ervin.

Miss Helen McConaughy has returned home after a week's visit with her brother below Marshall.

Mrs. John Scott spent Monday with Mrs. Wm. Hughes.

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Dec. 9, 1912.

Bowen Vance, of New Market, called here Thursday.

Philip Holladay & Co. were shredding corn here last week for A. Shelton.

Mrs. D. E. Vance and Mrs. Ira Haynes were the guests of Mrs. Albert Shelton last week.

Mr. Setty has put up a tenant house on his farm.

The Anderson boys of Hillsboro spent Saturday on the farm chasing poor bunny from the orchard.

Albert Shelton and family were the guests of Ira Haynes and wife Sunday.

J. V. Sanders and wife were guests of John Price and wife, at Miller's Chapel, last Sunday.

John Moormaw has moved into his new house.

G. D. Vance attended lodge at East Danville Saturday night.

Rev. Lewis, of Zanesville, visited Aunt Sarah McConaha Saturday night and preached at the Baptist church in New Market Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Eakins, of New Market, visited her daughter, Mrs. Grant McConaha, Monday.

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Dec. 9, 1912.

Mrs. John Kesler and Geneva Post called on Mrs. W. C. Hammond Sunday afternoon.

Jack Butler was a business visitor in Hillsboro Saturday.

Archibald and Hazel Satterfield spent Saturday with their grandparents, Landin Turner and wife.

Misses May and Grace VanPelt spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Jake Setty, of Elmville, was calling on Miss Rosa Lewis Saturday afternoon.

Miss Zora Shoemaker and family, and Harley Shoemaker and family spent Sunday with G. H. Williams and family.

Misses May and Grace VanPelt called on Miss Rosa Lewis Sunday afternoon.

Lowell Hunter and sister, Blanche, and Fay Cummings spent Sunday with Jack Butler and family.

Joe Shaw and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Shaw's parents, of near May Hill.

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